



DEFENSE SAYS THAW IS SOUND

Not Only [Sane But Capable of Giving Valuable Suggestions.

JUDGE DECIDES WEDNESDAY

Defense File Affidavits With Letters From Thaw in Hope of Blocking Move of Prosecution For Appointment of Lunacy Commission.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Attorneys for Harry Thaw today filed an answer to the suggestion made by the District Attorney that Thaw is mentally incapable of understanding charges against him and is a subject for a lunacy commission rather than a jury. Supplementing their own unanimous opinion that Thaw does understand the nature of the proceedings against him and daily advises intelligently with his counsel, his attorneys have filed affidavits from the medical experts employed by the defense and a further affidavit in Thaw's behalf is signed by Delmas. Delmas attaches to his personal statement a score or more of letters and notes he has received from Thaw during the trial. These as written, so Delmas declares, clearly indicate his grasp of proceedings and contain valuable suggestions. The affidavits, which Thaw's counsel hope will block Jerome's move for a lunacy commission, were filed with the clerk of the supreme court this afternoon and were turned over to Justice Fitzgerald who will announce his decision probably Wednesday morning when the jury will again be in court.

"MUST MARRY"—ORDINANCE.

Keeps Mayor of Fort Dodge Busy Performing Wedding Ceremonies.

CHICAGO, March 23.—A dispatch to the Inter-Ocean from Fort Dodge Ia., says: What with performing without fees the marriage ceremonies of those who desire to escape the penalties of the new Fort Dodge ordinance aimed at marriagable people who refuse to marry and refusing the telegrams and letters of exhortations which he is receiving from bachelors and spinsters in all parts of the country, Mayor Bennett expresses fear that his other duties are liable to be sadly neglected.

"Must marry," ordinance was passed Wednesday night. Thursday—to the utter disgust of the Fort Dodge clergy—the Mayor performed 19 marriage ceremonies and yesterday fourteen. The Fort Dodge Ministerial Association threatens to pass caustic relations, alleging that the sacred character of the marriage relation is being violated by such performances."

PAINTER MISSING.

Former German Lieutenant Has Not Been Seen For Months.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The friends in this country and in Germany of Dr. Albrecht Becker, a well known painter and a former lieutenant in the German army, who has been missing for some months, have enlisted the aid of the American police in their search for him. Mr. Von Voelkerling, of Dresden, a friend of the missing artist is now in this country to personally oversee and take charge of the search for the missing man. Mr. Von Voelkerling will make his headquarters in Chicago at the German consulate, where any communications which may lead to the tracing of Mr. Becker can be addressed.

INTER-SCHOOL CHESS.

American Universities Pitted Against Those of Great Britain.

NEW YORK, March 23.—At the rooms of the Rice Chess Club in the Cafe Boulevard today will be conducted the American end of the play in the cable chess match between the American and British Universities.

The English players composed of students from Oxford and Cambridge will play in the Inns of the Court Hotel, London. The match which will be completed in one day, calls for six competitors on each side. The American team is made up of students from Columbia, Harvard and Yale.

Today's match is the seventh between the British and American Universities. Of the six that have been played, America has won one, and Great Britain three. Two resulted in draws.

NO MORE RED-SHIRTS.

Red-Shirted Section Men Confused With Red Flag Signals.

CHICAGO, March 23.—A dispatch to the Inter-Ocean from Sedalia, Mo., to E. M. McAlvor, general superintendent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, issued a bulletin yesterday, requesting section men not to wear red shirts while at work. The explanation is said to be that an engineer did not heed a red flag signal recently and when taken to task he explained that he took the red flag for the red shirt of a section man.

PANIC ON IENA.

Electric Wire Short Circuited Frightens Laborers.

TOULON, March 23.—Another panic occurred yesterday on board the bulk of the battleship Iena, on which more than one hundred men lost their lives through an explosion recently. A large number of workmen were engaged yesterday in removing the boilers of the ship when an electric light wire became short circuited and there was a violent shock and a flash of flame. The men wildly scrambled for refuge from what they regarded as a repetition of the catastrophe. Many jumped into the water and others scaled the masts. When order was restored it was found that several men had been injured in the panic, but that none was seriously hurt.

ADOPTS NEW PLAN

Interstate Commerce Commission Selects Representative.

TO CONTROL WESTERN ROADS

Will Meet With Railroad Representatives to Discuss Freight Rates and Other Railroad Questions—Would Lead To More Friendly Relations.

CHICAGO, March 23.—A dispatch to the Record Herald from Washington says: It is understood of the Interstate Commerce Commission has finally hit upon a plan for the solution of the perplexing problem to relieve the present crisis in the railroad situation by bringing about a practical co-operation between the railroads and the federal government.

The plan which is now being considered and has practically gained the approval of the Commission and the President is the appointment of a western interstate tariff committee to represent the commission, with headquarters in Chicago and St. Louis. This man is to co-operate with the public and the railroad officials in obtaining reasonable rate adjustments and to adjudicate all matters now in dispute. The railroad representatives and the Commissioner would virtually assemble about a round table to discuss freight rates, stop violations of the law and prevent rate discriminations and preferences. It is believed this plan will put a stop to the flood of hostile legislation against railroads in the West and establish more friendly relations with the railroads on the part of the government.

This is said to be the result of recent conferences on the part of Benjamin F. Yoakum head of the Rock Island board, with the President and members of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Whether the government will proceed against Mr. Harriman and his associates under the Sherman anti-trust law or under the Interstate Commerce laws, or at all, will be decided after the commission completes its report next month.

MAYOR SCHMITZ WON'T CONFESS

Twenty-Two More Indictments Filed By Grand Jury With Judge.

TROLLEY DEAL COMES NEXT

Ten Supervisors Get Five Thousand Dollars Apiece From Pacific States Telephone Company—Stenographer Said To Have Given Testimony.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The Grand Jury ended the week's intense activity of deep probing into the alleged corruption and graft in the city government by filing 22 more indictments with Presiding Judge Coffey of the Superior Court at noon today. These are secret indictments voted by the inquisitorial body but not reported nor even placed on the secret file. Thirteen of the true bills reported today are against A. K. Detweiler, a capitalist and prominent man of Toledo, O. and nine are against Louis Glass, formerly the vice-president and General manager of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Co. The charge in each indictment is bribery. The tenth indictment was returned against Glass, but was withheld at the last moment owing to its defective form. Glass had been in Nevada for some time and it stormbound on a train between Reno and Sacramento en route for home. He will be arrested immediately on his arrival by Sheriff O'Neill. Glass is now a member of the advisory board on the Pacific States Company. Detective Burns today received word from his agents that Detweiler has been located in Cairo, Egypt. Orders for his arrest have not yet been cabled but if necessary he will be apprehended and extradited. Burns seemed to believe Detweiler would return voluntarily. Judge Coffey fixed bail at \$10,000 surety on each count, or \$90,000 for Glass and \$130,000 for Detweiler. Detweiler represented the Home Telephone Co. in this city and it is alleged that it is he who gave Ruef \$60,000 which the indictments against the latter charge, was divided among the supervisors. Glass who was in charge of the Pacific States Company at that time, is held responsible for the alleged bribing of ten supervisors through his general agent, T. V. Halsey who is charged with having presented them with \$5,000 to prevent the granting of franchise to the opposition company. Halsey is supposed to be on his way from Manila to San Francisco in charge of an insular secret service official.

The Grand Jury met at eleven this morning and half an hour later went to Judge Coffey's court to file the indictments and reconvened at 2 this afternoon. Miss Nellie Smith, stenographer of Gerstle Fricke and Beedy, the attorneys who represented the Home Telephone Company was the principal witness in the afternoon. Miss Smith is regarded as the most important witness in the alleged telephone deal and it is from her that the prosecution has been for four days endeavoring to get information which it is claimed would be the connecting link between Ruef and the Home Company in the matter of \$62,000, which it is claimed the company paid over to the former supervisors. Miss Smith has heretofore been a recalcitrant witness. She was interrogated for an hour today and the prosecution seemed much pleased with the result of the day's work in the jury room. The Grand Jury will meet again Monday to assume the telephone investigation. The probing of alleged overhaired trolley deal by the United Railways will be commenced the latter part of next week.

DENIES HE WOULD CONFESS.

Mayor Schmitz Says He Has Nothing To Reveal.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Mayor Schmitz denied that he sent an emissary yesterday to secret service agent Burns and assistant District Attorney Heney to arrange the terms of his confession. "It is false, absolutely false" said the

Mayor. "I have nothing to confess therefore it is impossible that I could have sent anyone to Heney and Burns or that I had any such intention I repeat there will be no confession from me because there is nothing to confess."

WILL WITHDRAW PROCEEDINGS.

Ruef Will Not Press Demand For Habeas Corpus Writ.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—It is stated that the counsel for Abe Ruef will take steps in the Supreme Court of the United States on Monday next which will amount to seeking a withdrawal of the habeas corpus proceedings instituted in that tribunal in his behalf.

WORST IS OVER.

Floods of Yuba River Are Reported As Subsiding.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Heavy wind and rain prevailed in and about Marysville last night and snow fell on the Yuba river watershed. Great loss of livestock is reported from the surrounding country. The reconstruction of the railroads is greatly delayed by today's storm but the water is now subsiding. Reports from Oroville says the Feather river has risen six feet but is now stationary. Two men are reported to have been seen in trees on the Yuba River bottom and a party has gone to their rescue.

PRUNE CROP DAMAGED.

Storm Washes Pollen From Blossoms In Northern California.

SAN JOSE, March 23.—Col. Phil Hersey, President of the Santa Clara Co. Fruit Exchange is authority for the statement to-day that the present storm destroyed half the prune crop in the valley by washing the pollen from blossoms.

BURTON WELCOMED

Enthusiastic Reception Given Him After Release from Jail.

MET BY CROWD WITH BAND

People of Home Town Are More Enthusiastic Than At Occasion of His First Return As Senator—Delivers Address in Defense.

ABILENE, Kans March 23.—Former Senator Burton received a reception more enthusiastic than that given him when he first returned as Senator, when he tonight returned to his home town after five months imprisonment at Irontown, Mo. A crowd of several hundred with a town band met him at the depot and many wore badges inscribed "Welcome, Burton."

The ex-Senator rode in an open carriage from the depot to his home, and his progress through the streets in the nature of a triumphant procession. The sidewalks were lined with people who lifted their hats as he passed. After an informal reception at his home, Mr. and Mrs. Burton were entertained at dinner by County Treasurer Schneider, after which he went to the theatre where Burton delivered the expected speech "Why I was prosecuted." The theatre, which accommodates 900 persons, was packed to its capacity with many standing and many unable to gain admittance.

The audience was distinctly friendly to the speaker and not at any time were there demonstrations other than those of approval. When Burton rose to speak he was greeted with an outburst of applause and his remarks were frequently interrupted by applause. The ex-senator was much affected at times and once broke down entirely and wept. On two other occasions he choked with emotion. His wife, who was the only woman on the stage, sat near him.

MAJOR PENROSE ACQUITTED.

SAN ANTONIO, March 23.—Major Penrose, was acquitted by the court martial today of the charge of misconduct in connection with the "shooting up" of Brownsville by the negro soldiers.

MURDERS TWO THEN SUICIDES

Oregon City Shooting May Result in Death of Three Persons.

WIFE HAD CHARGED CRUELTY

Maddened By Divorce Proceedings Brought By Alienated Wife William Anderson Commits Triple Crime In Valley City—Wife's Father Lives.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 23.—William Henderson shot and killed his wife this morning at 8:30 in her room at the Wilhelm Tell House, then fired a bullet into the head of his wife's father, Joseph D. Maxwell, of Latrobe, Eldorado County, Cal. The murderer then turned the weapon on himself. He died within a few minutes of his wife, but the old man may live.

The tragedy was the result of Mrs. Henderson's action in commencing suit for divorce against her husband, who became half crazed by her action, and swore to be revenged.

The dead woman, whose name was Martha Ellen Henderson was 38 years of age. Prior to the earthquake in San Francisco she and her husband conducted a lodging-house in the Bay City, but married life was disagreeable and Henderson abused his wife. He endeavored to compel her to deed him 160 acres of farm land she owned at Kerby, Josephine County, Or., but the woman refused and finally her husband's cruel treatment reached a point where she could stand it no longer, and she left him in the Clackamas County Circuit Court on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment, and also alleged personal indignities. Her attorney is A. R. Mendenhall, of Portland. Ten days ago she came here with her father in order to prosecute the suit, and was stopping at the Wilhelm Tell House, waiting trial of the case at the April term.

CRITICISM LEADS TO MURDER.

Quarrel Over Child's Performance Causes Father to Slay.

CHICAGO, March 23.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Carmi, Ill., says: Rehearsal of closing exercises at a country school house west of Carmi yesterday ended in a tragedy and the arrest of a farmer for the murder of a man who has been his friend and neighbor for years.

George Nicholson and John Kurd were seated together listening to and criticizing the recitations given by the children. Both had little daughters taking part in the programme and there was no hint of trouble until Nicholson's little girl started to say her piece. Kurd made a remark on her nervousness which Nicholson resented and in a moment both men were quarreling.

Their anger startled the audience of parents and children in the school and efforts were made to get the children away before blows were struck. Before this could be done, Nicholson drew a revolver and pressing it against Kurd's side, fired. Kurd died instantly. Women and children gathered around the two men either faint or became hysterical. When Nicholson saw what he had done, he dropped on his knees and wept. Nicholson was placed under arrest.

AGED MAN ARRESTED.

CHICAGO, March 23.—A dispatch to the Record Herald from Charlotte, Mich., says:

Silas Compton, aged 70, was arrested at Athens, Pa., yesterday, according to dispatches from that city charged with the murder of William Lampan of Grand Lodge, Mich., November 14, 1892. The warrant is based on an affidavit made by John Butcher who has served 14 years on a life sentence at the Jackson prison for the crime. Butcher says he has kept silent all these years to protect his brothers, Frank and John, farmers, who, he claims, were in the plot with Compton to rob the old man who was rich. He insists Compton was the slayer.

On the day of his arrest John Butcher made a confession, in which he said he did the killing alone, but afterward denied the admission. The old man living at the edge of town was 78 years old and a pensioner. His skull was battered in and a pair of overalls were used to choke him to death.

SLAY FRENCH SUBJECT.

TANGIER, March 23.—A courier who arrived today from the city of Morocco reported that Dr. Mauchamp a French subject, has been assassinated by the natives who are extremely agitated in consequence of the operations of the Goedetic mission, commanded by Professor Genly, and for which the signal posts were fixed on the roof of the doctor's house. The Moorish authorities, it is added, make no attempt to obtain order.

MURDERER GAMBLER DIES.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, March 23.—William Tomlinson, a gambler who yesterday assassinated County Judge McLean, fatally wounded Deputy Sheriff Scott and was himself shot by a policeman, died tonight in the county jail. Scott is still alive. A mass meeting today served notice on all gamblers to leave the city.

NICARAGUANS WIN BATTLE.

MANAGUA, March 23.—Honduran and Salvadorean forces have been defeated by the Nicaraguans near Choluteca. The Nicaraguans captured the positions of the enemy with the aid of artillery. Further details of this engagement are lacking. Six Nicaraguan steamers are operating successfully on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

Cruiser Sent to Tangiers.

PARIS, France, March 23.—Immediately on receipt of the news of the assassination of Dr. Mauchamp the cruiser Jeanne d'Arc was ordered to Tangier.

THOUSAND POISONED

Veterans Eat Hash and Nine Hundred Are in Hospitals.

HUNDREDS ARE IN DANGER

Aged Patients Lie For Hours Without Attention Because of Lack of Ambulances and Stretchers—Infection Worked Very Slowly.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. March 23.—More than 1,000 veterans of the National Soldier's Home here are suffering from ptomaine poisoning, as the result of eating meat hash for breakfast this morning. Five hundred are being treated in the hospitals tonight, and while no deaths have occurred yet, there are several hundred in a critical condition.

The infection worked slowly, nearly four hours elapsing between the eating of the poisoned meat and the development of the symptoms. Then the men began to drop off by the hundreds. Ambulances and stretchers were in such demand that many lay for hours without attention. In the case of aged patients this delay was particularly harmful.

KINGSTON SHOCK.

KINGSTON, March 23.—A severe earthquake shock occurred here last night. The people were panic stricken but nobody was hurt. A number of walls damaged in the big shock were thrown down.

Speaker Cannon and other American tourists, just missed the experience, their ship the Blucher, having sailed shortly before the shock occurred.

BOY KIDNAPPED.

Masked Men Steal Twelve Year Old Son of Millionaire.

BERLINE, March 23.—A dispatch to the Tageblatt from Hanover says that "Eddy" Kreiger, the 12 year old son of George Kreiger of Chicago who married a daughter of W. B. Bart, the millionaire has been kidnapped by two masked persons.